

THE WEEK IN LONDON.

APPROACHING ADJOURNMENT OF PARLIAMENT.

A FRUITFUL SESSION—CONCESSIONS TO IRELAND—WAR BETWEEN FRANCE AND CHINA PROBABLE.

[BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.]
LONDON, Aug. 18.—The session of Parliament will probably close next Saturday. The Government will be able to show a considerable legislative harvest. It is probably true that this is the most productive session since the last year of Mr. Gladstone's first Ministry. The new rules of procedure have hardly influenced the result. They have been useful, but far from thoroughly effective.

The disagreeable scene in the House of Commons last Monday night bears witness to this. The Parnellites did not hesitate to attack in the coarsest fashion the personal character of the Crown attorney at Dublin, while Lord Spencer was said to have permitted the execution of an innocent man, and Mr. Trevelyan was declared by Mr. Parnell himself to be almost as bad as Mr. Forster. All this was allowed as coming within the exercise of free speech. It is not surprising to hear that an attempt will be made to strengthen the rules and to cripple this new style of Parliamentary discussion.

CONCESSIONS TO IRELAND.
English statesmen do not look for gratitude from Ireland, otherwise the Parnellites might find cause for moderate attacks only. This week the Government made substantial concessions to Irish demands against their own better judgment. The hundred thousand pounds set apart under the Tramways act to encourage emigration has been divided, and one-half of it is to aid an experiment in emigration—the pet hobby of the Parnellite party. The enormous difficulties which the Government foresee in moving families from one part of Ireland to another and resettling them make the success of the experiment doubtful. In another matter Mr. Parnell has been considered, and to the great disgust of Irish Conservatives, the Irish Registration bill being pushed forward in the closing days of the session.

Meanwhile a Parnellite candidate is seeking to succeed the late Ministerial member for Sligo. The Government have thrown up the sponge, and the fight lies between the Tory and the Parnellite candidates.

THE LORDS AND THE COMMONS.
The Lords have been busy in watering down the Government's Tenant Right bills. In this Lord Salisbury has been ably seconded by the Duke of Argyll. The Peers are severely criticised for allowing their personal interests to influence them in regard to these bills. The Commons will certainly strike out the amendment, and the Peers will submit with an unenviable loss of prestige. Otherwise a wrangle will ensue and the session will be prolonged.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE.
The difficulty with France as to Madagascar is not settled. The Government, foreseeing the excitement of public feeling here and consequent awkwardness to France, properly decline to publish the recent dispatches. Mr. Gladstone will, however, make a statement during the week, and Mr. Waddington's instructions being conciliatory, matters will probably speedily be arranged. France has too much on hand to desire to increase her responsibilities.

FRANCE AND CHINA.
The news this morning shows that the Tonquin business promises serious possibilities. Hué is to be bombarded at once and a French protectorate proclaimed in Annam. The French hope that the Chinese will accept an accomplished fact, but will go in any case. War with China consequently is more than likely. It is significant that the French Minister has been recalled from Peking.

A CANAL PROJECT.
The Sultan has received very favorably the suggestions of an English company for cutting a ship canal from the Mediterranean by the valley of the Jordan to the Red Sea. The execution of the project would render the Porte independent of the Suez Canal and be very important in regard to the Sultan's eastern dominions.

ROYALTY AT THE HORSE GUARDS.
The Duke of Connaught's appointment to a brigade in India is regarded as another step on the way to the Duke of Cambridge's chair at the Horse Guards. The Queen is determined to keep the supreme direction of the army in the hands of the Royal family.

THE STAGE.
Mrs. Langtry has appeared in Manchester and played Juliana in "The Honeymoon," Galatea and Rosalind with equal success, if one may trust the local critics. The London theatres are at the dulllest. It is stated here that Miss Ellen Terry will have \$1,500 a week during her tour of the United States.

HAWES AND CRAVEN are producing wonderful scenery for Miss Mary Anderson's production of "Iolanthe" at the Lyceum Theatre.

AN OLD SCANDAL.
The *Albion* publishes several pages of letters, some of them new, bearing on the scandals surrounding the names of Lord Byron and his wife and sister. The letters have great interest for America. They show conclusively that Lady Byron throughout her life was on terms of affection with Mrs. Leigh, and that she left Lord Byron because they could not agree, and because during the prolonged illness in which the poet showed signs of serious mental derangement she believed herself to be the cause of irritation to him.

A FORGERY.
The Shapira manuscript of Deuteronomy, which has caused such lively controversy in literary circles, is pronounced by Dr. Neubauer and Professor Sayce a forgery, without any claims to antiquity. Professor Sayce compares it with the Moabite Stone also found by Shapira and never accepted as authentic.

GERMAN ENTERPRISE IN SOUTH AFRICA.
BERLIN, Aug. 18.—A business firm of Bremen which has purchased Angra Pequena, on the western coast of South Africa, has sent a schooner there and will open traffic between that place and Cape Town. The firm will also buy a strip of land stretching twelve miles inland. The entire area of the colony will be 1,350 square miles. A section of the German press is jubilant over the fact that the Government will permit the holding of the national flag over the firm's purchase. The semi-official newspaper, *The Post*, of this city, says that it is con-

vinced that if the Germans would promote home manufactures by founding such commercial colonies, they will not fail to receive the protection of the Government.

Angra Pequena—"Little Bay"—is a bay on the west coast of Africa, latitude 20° 20' 15" south, and longitude 15° east. It is at the mouth of a small river of Great Namaqualand and is 550 miles from Cape Town and about 120 miles from the mouth of Orange River. It is sometimes called Santa Cruz.

PHASES OF THE IRISH AGITATION.

MR. GLADSTONE REBUKES MR. HEALY.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—During the session of the House of Commons to-day Mr. Gladstone took occasion to rebuke what he termed the "habitué violence" of the language used by Mr. Healy, Home Rule member for Monaghan County. He said that Mr. Healy's utterances deserved the severest reprobation, as they were calculated to stimulate National hatred, which it has been his (Mr. Gladstone's) desire to mitigate and, if possible, extinguish. He regretted that Mr. Healy had given the wrongs of Ireland as an excuse for his remarks.

While Mr. Gladstone was speaking he was frequently interrupted by Mr. Biggar, Home Rule member for Cavan County. The chairman finally informed Mr. Biggar that if he did not desist from his interruptions he would name him to the House. Mr. Healy, in response to the remarks of Mr. Gladstone, was very defiant. He declared that there was a state of war between England and Ireland which would become physical warfare if the Irish had the power to engage in a struggle. Ireland, he said, wants justice, and not appeals to fine sentiment.

A SHOOTING PARTY STOPPED BY A MOB.
LONDON, Aug. 18.—As Mr. O'Brien, Home Rule member for Leitrim County, and a party of friends, were engaged in grouse-shooting in the West of Ireland, they were yesterday, they were approached by a mob of partially armed men and compelled to desist from their sport.

AN AGITATOR'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—At a meeting near Longhairs, Galway County, Ireland, yesterday, of the "Shepherd's League for Protection against Employers in the West of Ireland," Mr. Hayden, who is said to be an American journalist, delivered a long harangue, during which he said: "Terrible outrages are being committed in Ireland. The landlords are driving the tenants off their land, and you are cowards."

MISCELLANEOUS FOREIGN NEWS.

A CHANGE IN THE RUSSIAN MINISTRY.
ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 18.—It is announced that Count Tolstoy will soon resign the office of Minister of the Interior and that he will be succeeded by M. Y. Kakhkhanov, now a member of the Council of the Empire.

Count Demetrius Tolstoy succeeded General Ignatieff in June, 1882, as Minister of the Interior. He is a believer in the theory that to stop the yearning among the people for liberty the dissemination of knowledge among them must be stopped and instruction made a luxury attainable only by the rich. Declaring himself to be a believer in the English educational system he reformed all the middle schools of the empire on a classical basis when he became Minister of Public Instruction in 1881. He kept up his peculiar system against popular education for fourteen years, but he was forced to retire from the Ministry in 1891 after a successful public indignation by an attempt to induce the teachers to watch their pupils and the pupils to watch their parents and friends. His system, succeeded in driving many young men from their studies into the revolutionary ranks.

AN ANTI-ITALIAN MOB IN TRIESTE.

VIENNA, Aug. 18.—A mob paraded the streets in Trieste last evening, crying "Away with the Italians and foreigners!" and "Viva Austria!" The rioters also attacked the Italian gymnasium and a newspaper office. The mob grew out of the explosion of a pistol at a festive celebration of the name-day of the Emperor of Austria. The police arrested several of the rioters.

THE ARCTIC EXPLORING SHIP DIMPHNA.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 18.—The Russian Geographical Society has informed the Danish Minister at St. Petersburg that a foreign vessel is reported to have wintered on the east coast of the island of Vainav, which lies between Nova Zembla and the Russian mainland. It is not known whether the vessel was the missing Danish Arctic exploring ship *Dimphna*.

PRUSSIA, FRANCE AND THE VATICAN.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—Prince Bismarck's organ, the *North German Gazette*, says that the Pope has nominated Vice-General Suenon as coadjutor to Bishop Herzog, without having previously consulted with the Prussian Government in regard to the appointment, thus assuming a disregard for the existing agreements between Prussia and the Vatican.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The Government of France and the authorities at the Vatican have decided to issue a joint statement with the object of removing the misunderstanding which is likely to arise in consequence of the non-publication of the letters which have recently passed between President Grévy and the Pope.

REBUILDING CASAMICICOLA AND FORIO.

ROME, Aug. 18.—The *Popolo Romano* (newspaper) says that the town of Casamicicola, on the island of Ischia, which was recently destroyed by an earthquake, is being rebuilt rapidly. Already 154 modern houses have been erected and occupied. It has been decided to name streets in the town after the King and Queen of Italy. At Forio, another of the destroyed towns, houses have been erected for the accommodation of fifty-two families.

KING ALFONSO AT VALENCIA.

MADRID, Aug. 18.—King Alfonso and General Martinez Campos, Minister of War, have arrived at Valencia.

A BELGIAN EXPELLED FROM FRANCE.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—A decree has been signed expelling from France M. Roland, the Belgian Journalist who was unable to prove his charge of having bribed two members of the Chamber of Deputies.

WARNING EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS.

CAIRO, Aug. 18.—The Government intends to suppress the *Albion* on account of its having printed satirical articles on the Ministers. Four native journalists, who have also been printing objectionable articles, have been warned that their publication will be suspended if they continue to print offensive matter.

DEATHS FROM CHOLERA IN EGYPT.

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 18.—There were fifty deaths from cholera here yesterday.

NOTES FROM THE DOMINION.

MONTREAL, Aug. 18.—Information has been received here to the effect that the Secretary of the United States Treasury will satisfy all proven Canadian claims for the return of 10 per cent customs duty illegally levied at the border from exporters of hay into American territory during several years past. The aggregate claims from this Province alone will amount to \$250,000.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Aug. 18.—The steamer *Glennaholm*, in the Montreal and Duluth trade, was burned to the water's edge in the Welland Canal last night. The steamer was carrying a full cargo of lumber and was valued at \$100,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 18.—Two men named Carpenter and Labele were drowned at the Cascades on the Ottawa River to-day.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Aug. 18.—News has been received here that the schooner *Charles I.*, from Seaman, from Santos, Brazil, via Penedo, for New York, and became a total wreck, probably at Penedo, prior to August 14. No particulars have been received as to the fate of the crew.

OTHERS, and was insured for \$5,000.

SOUTH AMERICAN TOPICS.

[BY THE CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN CABLE.]

LIMA, Aug. 18, via Galveston.—It is reported from Valparaiso that a telegram had been received from the United States Government would recognize the Iglesias Government as soon as he holds Lima. A new paper has appeared at Piquen called *La Anexion*.

PANAMA, Aug. 18, via Galveston.—The *Star* and *Herald* say that the Government of Bolivia has called the militia to insurre service and increased the contributions."

Three thousand five hundred tons of machinery and material have arrived here for the Canal, and 2,500 tons more are expected. Panama is quiet.

At Quito cries of "Death to the Liberals and Heretics" and "Long live God and Religion" have been raised.

MR. SAVIN MAKES AN APOLOGY.

PARDON ASKED OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR STRIKING MR. THIERLOT.

Francis W. Savin, the head of the stock brokerage firm of Savin & Vanderhoof, a few weeks ago struck a fellow broker on the floor of the Stock Exchange. He had read from the rostrum yesterday a letter of apology addressed to the Governing Committee. President Hatch, who had the letter in his possession for more than a week, ordered the galleries cleared and the doors closed, when he presented the letter to the Board. Prefacing the reading of the letter, the president said in substance that it was desirable to preserve decorum and to keep the rights of brother members inviolate. There were times, however, when the things which they ought not to do, and while this excitement was not an extension of the fault, it was exceedingly commendable, when a member had done a wrong, that he should acknowledge it in a frank and manly way. Mr. Hatch then read Mr. Savin's letter. In it it was said that in the heat of excitement he had struck Mr. Thierlot, and that on the very day which the remarks deserved he had resorted to violence. He had apologized to Mr. Thierlot, and by the letter to the Governing Committee of the Exchange, and he desired that the letter should be read to the full Board as an apology to all the members. The letter closed with assurance that he would not again offend the rules of the Exchange.

A written complaint against Mr. Savin has been lodged with the Governing Committee, but no action has been taken, because the committee has had no meeting recently. The apology is said to have been written to deflect the attention of the committee, because the rules of the Exchange provide that a member guilty of a second offense shall be expelled. Mr. Savin was suspended several years ago for the same cause.

A LONGSHOREMAN KILLED.

Michael Gordon, of No. 265 Henry-st., a longshoreman employed by the Baltimore Steamship Line on Pier No. 44, East River, while walking up South-st. last night was approached by John Hanger, of No. 594 Water-st., who, without any warning, struck Gordon with his open hand and the force of the blow knocked Hanger down. Hanger did not arise, and Gordon kneeling beside him to raise him found that he was dead. Gordon put himself in charge of a policeman and was taken with the body to the Madison Street Police Station.

Gordon's story of Hanger's death is as follows: For three days there has been a strike among the longshoremen on the Baltimore pier and Hanger has been discharged. He was going to a place called Clinton and South-st. and was carrying a box. He saw Gordon and said, "You're one of the men who went down to work in my place," and made a left hand gesture. Hanger then struck Gordon with his right hand, and the fall water killed him. Hanger was taken to the fact that Hanger was intoxicated. Hanger was thirty years old, was married, and had two children. Hanger's body remained at the police station all night.

PREVENTED FROM DESERTING HIS WIFE.

Constant Jacques, age forty-eight, was arrested yesterday afternoon on the Red Star Steamship Company's wharf, as he was about to sail for Europe. Jacques arrived in this country about two weeks ago in company with his wife, and engaged board in the Hotel Franks, No. 166 Washington-st. His wife gave birth to a child eight days ago. Jacques left home yesterday as if to strike his wife, Gordon, who he simply pushed Hanger from him, and the fall water killed him. Hanger was taken to the fact that Hanger was intoxicated. Hanger was thirty years old, was married, and had two children. Hanger's body remained at the police station all night.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A WOMAN.

A poorly dressed woman, age about forty, was found by a policeman of the Sixth Precinct lying face down in front of No. 193 West-10th-st., on Friday morning. She was taken to the station house and sent from there to the New York Hospital, where an examination was made and it was found that her skull was fractured. She died last evening without recovering consciousness. The hospital authorities informed Captain Pott of her death and requested him to send a few of his old officers to the hospital in the hope that they would be able to identify the woman.

SHOOTING HIMSELF IN THE STREET.

A pistol shot which was fired by a man who was passing between the entrance to the Bridge and the entrance to the elevated railroad station, attracted the attention of passers-by shortly after 10 o'clock last night. Officers Patrick Mulligan and James Kane picked up the man and conveyed him to the City Hall Police Station, where it was learned that his name was William Roach, age twenty-four, living at No. 108 Madison-st., and that he had been wounded in the chest. He had shot himself, and when asked why, he replied that he did not care about living. At 10:40 he was removed to the Chambers Street Hospital.

FATALLY HURT BY A FALL.

John Hanftman, seven years old, went to play on the roof of the five-story building at No. 311 East 61st-st. last evening and fell to the ground. He was injured fatally.

KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION.

A steam pipe exploded last evening in Havermayr's cigar factory, at the foot of South-second-st., killing Adolph Lieber, age forty, a laborer, of North Second and Third sts., almost instantly. His body was taken to his home.

SWIMMING THE NIAGARA RAPIDS.

CAPTAIN RHODES STATES HE WILL MAKE THE ATTEMPT.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Captain Rhodes, in an interview to-day, stated that he would surely swim the rapids, but would not give the date, and stated that no one except his wife and brother should know the date when the attempt would be made. He stated that his main object was to obtain the Government prize of \$50,000, and that he would be successful in the attempt. He would build a monument to Captain Webb's memory to cost \$5,000, and that the widow of Captain Webb should have an equal amount. Captain Rhodes is a resident of this city, gave an exhibition of their swimming powers in the Niagara River to-day. A tug followed the swimmers down the stream, but after swimming about five miles, were taken from the water thoroughly exhausted. Rhodes being greatly exhausted and sick. The tug was sent to the falls and a derrick over the falls on Monday, and threatens to make the attempt himself on Tuesday.

HORTON SUES FOR DAMAGES.

Boston, Aug. 18.—A suit for \$25,000 damages was begun to-day in the Superior Court of Suffolk County by Charles W. Horton against Solomon Suffolk. The writ is returnable to the October term, and is brought to recover damages for alleged false and malicious libel published against the reputation of the plaintiff. The libel consisted of a letter written by Horton to the President of the United States regarding Horton's appointment as Internal Revenue Agent in June last.

SHIPPING NEW-YORK FRUIT TO BOSTON.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Aug. 18.—J. E. Childs, Assistant Superintendent of the New York and New England Railroad, has been in consultation here about putting on a fruit train, running from the north and crossing the river here on a transfer boat to the New York and New England Railroad for Boston. It is said that about 200 tons of grapes alone will be shipped to Boston from the fruit district on the west shore of the Hudson.

A BRANCH OF HARPER & BROTHERS.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 18.—Harper & Brothers, of New York, have just purchased from Matthew Hart, in this place, fifty feet of ground fronting on the south side of Fourth-st., and running back one hundred feet to the east side of Elm-st., upon which they have just begun a branch publishing house. The price paid for the property was \$100,000.

CATERPILLARS IN THE COTTON FIELDS.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 18.—The cotton caterpillar has appeared on the neighboring plantations and is boring the young bolls badly. The leaves and bolls are also being ravaged by the worms. The planters are making efforts to save the crop with Paris green and night lights. Sections of Sumter County also report the crop damaged by worms. The prospects are that much damage will be done.

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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS IN OHIO.

McLEAN DICTATES THE NOMINATIONS—DEFEAT OF THE PENDLETON INTEREST.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Aug. 18.—The Democratic County Convention met to-day. The following ticket was nominated: For Senators, William L. O'Brien, A. J. Pruden and William Caldwell; for Representatives, J. E. Bruce, S. F. Cary, Jr., John Cosgrove, James Cummings, Thomas J. Cogan, J. B. Menke, Jr., John Starbuck, John R. Thompson, L. Waterman and Daniel Wolf; for Treasurer, "Frank" Rotterman; for Auditor, Joseph W. Brewster.

The Judges of the Common Pleas Court there were nominated Samuel R. Matthews and C. D. Robertson; for member of the Board of Control, Alexander Sample; for member of the Board of County Commissioners, Hugh Campbell.

Mr. Matthews is a brother of Judge Stanley Matthews, of the United States Supreme Court.

The Democracy of Hamilton County called this county convention a nominating convention. It was in reality a meeting to ratify the nomination of a ticket prepared by John R. McLean, of the *Examiner*. His support was as absolute in the selection of candidates as any "boss" the country has ever seen. There was but one name changed on the "slate," and that was with his full consent, and did not in any way alter the character of the ticket. Of course Mr. McLean's triumph means an anti-Pendleton Legislative ticket, and this fact, together with the demoralization of the Democracy in this part of the State from such high handed proceedings, and its certain defeat at the polls in consequence, gives to the work of the day much more than local interest.

It has been known for some time that McLean would make a herculean effort to control the nominations for the Legislature for the purpose of preventing the return of Mr. Pendleton to the Senate. Pendleton's friends fearing McLean's success urged him to make an aggressive fight, but the Senator continued to regard the situation with a degree of calmness amounting almost to indifference. His opinion of McLean and his methods is any thing but complimentary, and he probably felt a repugnance to making a struggle against such a foe. The fore part of this week, however, he called some of his friends together for consultation and began to show signs of fight. But he had waited too long and the effort was without result. A near friend of Mr. Pendleton says the situation has been carefully considered by the Senator and his conclusions may not have been far from the way. According to the report, Mr. Pendleton does not expect to have his re-election at all impossible without the aid of the Hamilton County delegation and further he said in quite plain language that he will carry the State, in which event it can make little difference whether or not his enemies prevail in the Democratic ticket. He said that his supporters turn out it must be a severe humiliation to Mr. Pendleton to have him beaten in his own house as he was.

McLean controlled the convention by controlling committees and the primary elections. He had the convention appointed at his own hotel, and had the delegates expected. Then he called in trustworthy aids from all over the county and fixed up with their friends. He then called in the delegates from the county and fixed up with their friends. He then called in the delegates from the county and fixed up with their friends.

EX-GOVERNOR HOLDEN'S DESERTION.

A WITHDRAWAL FROM THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 18.—The *News and Observer* to-day will publish a card from Ex-Governor William W. Holden formally withdrawing from the Republican party, and stating that he is not a member of the Liberal party. Ex-Governor Holden has occupied a prominent part in State politics. He was for a long time Editor of the *Standard*. He was appointed Provisional Governor of North Carolina in 1877. He has since been a member of the Senate and became one of the Editors of the *Chronicle* at Washington, D. C. For the last ten years he has lived here in retirement.

THE MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRATS.

BOSTON, Aug. 18.—At a meeting of the Democratic State Convention to-day it was decided to hold the State Convention at Springfield on September 26. Charles F. Thompson was selected as permanent chairman of the convention. But Charles Levi Woodbury, chairman of the committee on Resolutions.

RAILROAD INTERESTS.

A RAILROAD TO CARRY PETROLEUM.

A railroad called the North and South Shore Road has been building across the widest part of Staten Island for several months. It is nearly completed. It was for a time a mystery what traffic was expected in the hilly woodland section of country traversed by the route, but it is alleged now that the Standard Oil Company has secured the road to carry oil across to vessels that will be afforded wharfage facilities by docks to be constructed in the Lower Bay.

COMPARATIVE FREIGHT STATEMENT.

Route.	Flour.	Grain.	Provi.	Total.	Per Cent.
Michigan Central	420	1,557	1,940	3,917	13.4
Lake Shore and Michigan Southern	376	1,468	1,847	3,725	18.7
Penn. & Pot. Wayne and Chicago	418	1,626	2,040	4,104	18.2
Pittsburgh	91	2,123	2,455	4,469	18.3
Baltimore and Ohio	82	1,112	1,294	2,488	9.0
Baltimore and Pot. Frank New York, Chicago and Atlantic	163	694	1,711	2,568	9.6
Buffalo	79	1,124	882	2,885	5.4
Chicago and Atlantic	306	3,169	920	4,395	13.2
Total	1,934	14,722	12,490	29,176	

THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON.

ALBANY, Aug. 18.—The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company to-day paid the State Controller a tax of \$24,913 on the earnings of \$4,092,664 for the year ended June 30.

A TROTTER HORSE SOLD FOR \$13,000.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Aug. 18.—It is stated that Dr. M. Hedges, at one time a Sunday-school teacher here, who was \$150,000 from Francis Wood in a game of poker last year, has sold his trotting horse Tony Newell, to C. M. Reed, of Erie, Penn., for \$13,000. This young gelding has won about a dozen races in the East. Dr. Hedges paid \$2,000 for the horse last February.

INSOLVENCY OF A FURNITURE DEALER.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18.—Daniel M. Karcher's Sons, manufacturers of furniture and cabinet ware at No. 1,608 Chestnut-st., made an assignment to-day to the President and Trust Company. Their liabilities are estimated at \$50,000 and nominal assets at \$48,000.

EX-JUDGE BLACK'S LIFE IN DANGER.

YORK, Penn., Aug. 18.—There is very little change in the condition of ex-Judge Black since last evening. His physicians report a very slight improvement, but the case is still precarious.

A BOAT-BUILDER INJURED.

Bernard Daly, a boat-builder, was injured dangerously by a boat which fell on him in the shop, at No. 234 South-st., yesterday. He was removed to his home at No. 906 East Sixteenth-st., and the police sent him to Bellevue Hospital last evening.

SUICIDE OF AN UNKNOWN MAN.

An unknown man about forty years old, who wore a dark suit of clothes and a black derby hat, jumped into the North River at Pier No. 1 at half-past 9 o'clock last night, and was drowned. His body was not recovered.

THE NORWOOD LUMBER COMPANY FAILS.

NORWOOD, N. Y., Aug. 18.—The failure of the Norwood Lumber Company was announced. Lawrence Brainard, president of the suspended St. Albans

Trust Company, was the principal owner. The company made an assignment, preferring all the employees, who have been paid off by the assignee. The liabilities are about \$500,000, of which \$40,000 is said to be due the banks at Malone and Ogdensburg, N. Y.

A CALIFORNIA PIONEER MURDERED.

NICHOLAS SKERRETT'S BODY FOUND IN AN EMPTY HOUSE—BOLDNESS OF THE MURDERERS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—One of the most brutal murders in the annals of the city came to light to-day, when the dead body of Nicholas Skerrett, an old pioneer, was found in his own house. The crime was committed on Monday by three men who claimed to be Colorado capitalists. They were taken by Skerrett to a house, which they talked of buying, and while he was showing it they struck him over the head with a stung-shot. They then put on the door of his lodgings a notice saying he had gone to Colorado. One of the murderers boldly took up his quarters in the dead man's rooms and was captured there by the police. It is thought the scheme of the murderers was to get a transfer of Skerrett's property made in Colorado and then continue drawing his rents here, giving out that he had taken a trip to Europe. They evidently counted on success, as Skerrett had no relatives, and no intimate associates. His dead body was found by accident by an old man who was employed by Skerrett to clean and look after houses. It was locked up in a closet of an empty house, and almost in a bad state of decomposition. Skerrett was worth \$250,000, having made a fortune as a dry goods merchant. The police have no clue to the other criminals, who, it is thought, have gone east.

THE BENNINGTON MONUMENT.

PROFESSOR JOHN F. WEIR'S DESIGN—PROPOSED

TROY, N. Y., Aug. 18.—The design for the Bennington Battle Monument by Professor John F. Weir, of Yale College, is a statue rather than architectural. The entire height of the monument is to be about 100 feet. The committee aimed to get all the height possible without destroying the statue design. The base, which is about thirty feet square, is an uneven bowlder of granite about a foot high. Resting on this base are two blocks with a relief. The blocks are connected with the base and upon these blocks rises a monolithic column, on which stands a colossal statue in bronze. The design is an ideal representative of the spirit of the times, something like a multi-man of Concord. The statue is a figure of a man, apparently just drawing sword, starting himself and leading the people to repel aggression. Around the base will be placed probably four bronze figures, representative of the time and people and their occupations when called to take up arms and follow a leader.

The site of the monument is to be the center of the road leading from the city to the Bennington battle site, and the road will be widened and divided so as to pass around the site. A road of from 150 to 200 feet in diameter will be inclosed in this circle and a terrace mound will be raised ten feet high, on which the monument will be placed.

A FLEET OF YACHTS RACE.

THE BEVERLY YACHT CLUB OFF MARLBOROUGH.

BOSTON, Aug. 18.—The largest sailing regatta ever held in this country took place off Marblehead this afternoon under